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PREVENTION VS. CURE.

The Porland police department is proceeding cautiously, says the Oregonian, in regard to the strike now in progress, the asumption being that it is easier, better and by far safer to prevent a conflict between the oppos after it has been precipitated by the first blow. This is wise. Deplorable results follow hasty action. The counsels of moderation and conciliation must ultimately prevail in all contests between employers and employed. Far better that the sober second thought should rule before acts of violence take place than after. "He that is slow to anger," says the wise man, "is greater than the mighty, and he that ruleth his spirit, than he that taketh a city." In all the centuries that have passed since this declaration was made it is not probable that any man has regretted having given ed with the department of agriculture heed to it.

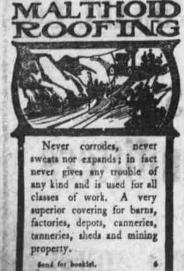
GIVES UP HER DEAD.

That Dewsy's men could and did shoot to hit is proven by 15 holes found in the hull of the Spanish warship Reina Christina, which has just been raised in Manila harbor and beached The skeletons of about 89 of her crev were found in the hulk. How many heroes there may have been among the poor fellows history will perhaps never say. They were not on the winning side and the world thought the fact that our forces escaped without a scratch was a more noticeable event than that thousands of the enemy met sudden and violent death with hardly a moment's warning. It is probable to come before many years have passthat we will be generous enough to ed, because the mall receipts and profreturn the gruesome relics to Spain for burial. It is said that all the sunken ships may be raised, as the hulls are in a fair state of preservation.

ARTISTS' OPPORTUNITY.

The committee on press and publicity of the Lewis and Clark Centenial exposition which will be held at Portland, Oregon, U. S. A., in 1905, has offered a cash prize of \$500 for the best design in colors, symbolic of the Lewis and Clark exploring expedition of 1804-6, the settlement of the western part of the United States by Americans, the development of trade on the Pacific ocean, and the re-awakening of Asia. Terms of competition will be furnished on anplication. Here is a chance for all artists. The competition will close June 1, 1903. Designs must be submitted before that date and should be addressed to I. N. Fleischner, chairman of the committee on press and publicity of the Lewis and Clark Centennial expo sition, Portland, Oregon.

A REFORM.



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nake legal separation more difficult in that state than formerly. Heretofore, "extreme cruelty," which was cause sufficient for granting a divorce, included "mental anguish." The new law defines extreme cruelty as "grievous bodily injury of husband and wife by the other." In the debate on the passage of the bill Assemblyman Fisk said that California, with 1,400,000population, has \$285 divorces. The only state with more is New York, with (268,00) population and 8726 divorces, No wonder it is charged with being the rottenest state socially in the

AN ANNIVERSARY.

Thirty-eight years ago today Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth president of the United States, and the man whose fame grows brighter as time passes by, died by the hand of an assassin. The world has made wonderful strides since that dark day. Other men have displayed magnificent talents and exalted characters. Marvelous achievements have been wrought out. Men have become heroes and martyrs. But no man has arisen whose life in the slightest degree dims the lustre of fame which gilds the name of Lincoln. No other life seems to touch his. No other nature so deep, so true, so lovable. History can never repeat itself in this case. circumstances can never again produce such a man because they can not exist. That necessity will never place a ruler in his position again in our land is to be hoped. It is well we have the memory of his life. It is an example worth millions to rising generations for ages to come.

GOVERNMENT COMPLEXIONIST.

A dozen or more young men connectat Washington have for several months been living on a diet prescribed by Dr. Wiley, who is seeking to determine the chemical effects of borax and other chemicals on prepared food.

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Location of bridge is shown on maps now on file in the county clerk's office as approved by the Hon. Secretary of

Eridge to be a steel swinging draw bridge with a clear space of 70 feet on The new California divorce law will each side of the draw rest. As is also directed by the Hon, secretary of

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Said check or cash to be forfeited to the county of Clatsop, state of Oregon, if after an award is made or bid is accepted said bidder fails or refuses for period of two days to enter into contract and file a bond as may be remired by the county court aforesaid.

Payments for said bridge to be made by warrants drawn on a special fund created by the county court of Clatsop county, Oregon, at their regular term in January, 1903, same being a levy of 1 1-2 mills on the dollar for a term of four years. Bids to be sealed and marked "Proposals for Draw Bridge across the Lewis and Clark River," and The county court, however, reserve the right to reject any or all bids. By order of the County Court.

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